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8 Angeles

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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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13 LEVI LESCHES,  
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15 Plaintiff,  
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17 v.  
18 ANABEL ROMERO, et al.,  
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20 Defendants.  
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Case No. 5:24-cv-00524 KK-SP  
Judge: Hon. Kenly Kiya Kato  
STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL OF  
ACTION  
Complaint Filed: March 11, 2024

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2024, Plaintiff Levi Lesches (“Plaintiff”) filed the above-captioned action against Defendants Anabel Z. Romero (“Romero”), Court Executive Officer of the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, and David W. Slayton (“Slayton”), Court Executive Officer of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (collectively, “Defendants”);

WHEREAS, Plaintiff’s complaint seeks, amongst other matters, declaratory relief under 22 U.S.C. § 2201 and injunctive relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Romero and Slayton regarding the alleged applicability of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 411.20 and 411.21 to a “first paper” that is electronically filed through an electronic filing service provider;

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino adopted General Order #GO24-029, *In re: Rejection of Document Submitted for Electronic Filing Due to Deficiency of Required Fees*;

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2024, Defendants filed an answer to the complaint;

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Settlement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, the Court dismissed the action against Romero without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) on November 6, 2024;

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2024, the Court also placed the action on inactive status for 90 days until February 4, 2025;

WHEREAS on January 29, 2025, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles adopted General Order 2025–GEN–012–00, *In re Rejected Electronic Filings Due to Deficiency of Required First Filing Fee*;

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1 WHEREAS, in light of the adoption of General Order 2025–GEN–012–00, the  
2 parties agree that the entire action, including, but not limited to, the remaining claims  
3 against Slayton, shall be dismissed without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil  
4 Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), and that the parties shall bear their own costs.

5 **STIPULATION**

6 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Plaintiff and Defendants, by  
7 and through Defendants’ counsel of record, Matthew L. Green of Best Best & Krieger  
8 LLP, that the above-captioned action shall be dismissed without prejudice under  
9 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), and that the parties shall bear their  
10 own costs.

11 Dated: January 31, 2025

12 By: /s/ Levi Lesches  
13 LEVI LESCHES

14 Dated: January 31, 2025

15 BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

16 By: /s/ Matthew L. Green  
17 MATTHEW L. GREEN  
18 Attorneys for Defendants  
19 ANABEL Z. ROMERO, Court  
20 Executive Officer of the Superior  
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22 Bernardino; and DAVID W.  
23 SLAYTON, Court Executive  
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25 California, County of Los Angeles  
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1 Levi Lesches v. Anabel Z. Romero; David W. Slayton  
2 United States District Court, Central District of California,  
3 Eastern Division, Case No. 24-cv-00524 KK (SPx)

4 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

5 I, Lisa Atwood, declare:

6 I am a citizen of the United States and employed in San Diego County, California.  
7 I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My  
8 business address is 655 West Broadway, 15th Floor, San Diego, California 92101. On  
9 January 31, 2025, I served a copy of the within document(s):

10 **STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL OF ACTION**



12 **By Electronic Service.** Pursuant to CM/ECF System, registration as a  
13 CM/ECF user constitutes consent to electronic service through the Court's  
14 transmission facilities. The Court's CM/ECF system sends an e-mail  
15 notification of the filing to the parties and counsel of record who are  
16 registered with the Court's EC/ECF system.

17 I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at  
18 whose direction the service was made.

19 Executed on January 31, 2025, at San Diego, California.

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22 Lisa Atwood